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## *Red Tape Review*

One hundred-sixteen days ago, President Obama rolled out an Executive Order for his Administration to conduct a thorough review of the nation's regulatory framework. Unfortunately, his rhetoric doesn't match reality. [The Administration's own cost estimates for the 318 proposed or enacted regulations this year is over \\$65.8 billion with likely broader economic costs on our economy.](#) That is why Senate Republicans are fighting for common sense solutions such as *Senator Mike Enzi's "Repeal Amendment," S.J. Res. 12*, which would amend the Constitution to provide states with the option of repealing any federal law or regulation and institute a check against egregious congressional action.

[WASHINGTON EXAMINER: The EPA Ignores Jobs in its Rush to Regulate:](#) "On Jan. 18, Obama issued Executive Order 13563, which directed the regulatory agencies to 'protect public health, welfare, safety, and our environment, while promoting economic growth, innovation, competitiveness, and job creation.' *Is the EPA ignoring EO 13563?*" (May 10, 2011)

[REUTERS: Regulators Press on with Wall Street Crackdown:](#) "Republican Senator Richard Shelby said markets are nervous about the SIFI rules. 'The burden is on our regulators to demonstrate that they know exactly what they are doing before they begin to implement this new form of regulation,' he said. (May 12, 2011)

[WASHINGTON POST: Mayo Clinic, Other Premier Medical Groups Call Obama Plan on Health Care Quality Unworkable:](#) President Barack Obama's main idea for getting quality health care at less cost was in jeopardy Wednesday after *key medical providers called his administration's initial blueprint so complex it's unworkable.* (May 11, 2011)

[FORBES: When Washington Fails a Cost-Benefit Test:](#) The United States's \$1.5 trillion-plus regulatory agenda is allegedly driven in large part by the pursuit of net benefits. *But boy does cost benefit analysis create some problems in today's pervasive nanny state.* I'm surprised motorcycles can still exist in a world of mandatory seat belts. (May 11, 2011)

[WASHINGTON POST: Obama Administration Set to Raise Fuel Efficiency Standards, but by How Much?:](#) Over the next few months, regulators are scheduled to set the next round of U.S. fuel economy standards for manufacturers. *The highest targets could add as much as \$10,000 to the price of a new car,* devastating a U.S. industry that just two years ago was bailed

out by the government. *Sales could plummet by 25 percent, they say, and 220,000 auto manufacturing jobs could be lost.* (May 12, 2011)

**MACON TELEGRAPH: Georgia Farmers, Lawmakers Feel EPA Pesticide Regulations ‘Burdensome’**: *“I do not believe that anyone from the EPA has ever stepped foot in a Georgia peanut field during harvest season,”* Rep. Austin Scott wrote in a letter to his constituents. *“If they had, then they would know that dust cannot be regulated because it occurs as naturally as the rain that falls on our crops.”* (May 10, 2011)

**WMUR (Manchester, NH): Fishermen Say Regulations Destroying Industry**: Fishermen on New Hampshire's Seacoast are warning that new fishing regulations could destroy their industry and have already caused them severe emotional stress. (May 11, 2011)

### ***GOP Solutions to Red Tape***

**Enzi Backs Constitutional Amendment to Give Power Back to the States (S.J. Res. 12)**: *“The Constitution preserves the powers of the states and the rights of all people,”* said Enzi. *“Yet, we force states, which often bear the brunt of well-intended laws and one-size-fits-all policies, to rely on our backlogged court system to address issues of vital importance. **The Repeal Amendment gives states a voice and the ability to say ‘No!’**”*

**Alexander, Graham, DeMint Introduce Job Protection Act (S. 964)**: On April 20, the National Labor Relations Board moved to stop Boeing from building airplanes at a nonunion plant in South Carolina, suggesting that unionized American company cannot expand its operations into one of the 22 states with right-to-work laws. ***The bill would preserve federal law’s existing protections of state right-to-work laws.***

**Senate Republican Jobs Plan: An Outline for Creating American Jobs and Prosperity**

**Vitter Introduces Bill to Put “Moratorium” on Agencies Over-Regulating (S. 927)**

**Portman Introduces Bill to Reduce Regulatory Burden on Job Creators (S. 817 )**

**Moran Introduces Bill to Reform Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (S. 737)**

**Inhofe, Johanns Introduce “Comprehensive Assessment of Regulations on the Economy (CARE) Act” (S. 609)**

**Paul Introduces REINS Act (S. 299)**

**Snowe, Coburn Introduce the “Small Business Regulatory Freedom Act” (S. 474)**

**Roberts Introduces “Regulatory Responsibility for our Economy Act” (S. 358)**

**Collins Introduces “Clearing Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens (CURB) Act” (S. 602)**